

Personal Mention.

On page 12, appears a call for a pastor, by Sister Sterling of Masontown, Pa.

Brother Furry is still continuing his revival work. Three more accessions since last reported.

Brother R. R. Teeter reports six accessions at Mt. Pleasant, Ind., and the work moving forward nicely.

The latest reports from the Rosedale revival held by Brother Darling, say *forty-nine* have been added.

Brother W. A. Welty, who has been canvassing for the college, returned home this week on account of sickness in the family.

A. B. Gnagey, the office agent is away on a few day's vacation. If your orders are not promptly receipted as usual, you will know why it is.

The matter referred to in Brother Teeter's notice on page 12, should have the immediate attention of ministers. If you desire any information concerning the Association write to him.

We are in receipt of two articles from sister M. M. Sterling, one entitled, "Just Before Christ," the other, "Just After Christ." The first will appear in the Christmas number, the other after Christmas.

Brother J. D. McFaden, Secretary of the National Mission Board, was in Washington D. C. last week looking after the interests of the Brethren Mission in that city. He speaks very favorably of Brother Lyon and his work. A brief report of the trip appears in this issue.

In this issue appears an article entitled, "The Model Congregation," by sister H. Helen Frame of South Bend, Ind. Our readers will not consider us partial for calling special attention to this article. It is thoughtful, practical, exhaustive, filled with truth from beginning to end. Be sure to read it.

In this issue appears the final report of the Hagerstown meeting, brother Zed Copp, pastor. It was a successful meeting, resulting in thirty-six additions to the church. The preaching was done by Sister Grossnickle, and the song service led by Brother Hall, of Harrisonburg, Va. Brother Copp, is an earnest worker and is meeting with good success.

Sabbath morning Brother Byers preached a very acceptable sermon in the College Chapel on "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." The discourse was addressed to church members, setting forth their various duties toward those who are yet "of the world." It was a very commendable effort for one so young in the ministry.

A Warsaw paper has this to say of Brother Yoder's sermon on Thanksgiving Day: "The union services on Thanksgiving Day held at the Christian church, at which Rev. C. F. Yoder, of the Progressive Brethren Church delivered a most excellent sermon, was more largely attended than usual. All the business houses in the place cheerfully obeyed Mayor Moon's request to close from 10:30 A. M. till 2 o'clock P. M. Mr. Yoder delivered a powerful and very eloquent discourse—one that not only gave the greatest of satisfaction to all who heard it, but was very highly complimented by everybody. Mr. Yoder is a young man with a promising future before him. For one so young, we feel sure it would be difficult to find

his superior in pulpit oratory. The meeting was a great success in every way."

A card from Brother Gillin, Hudson, Iowa, says: "Two came out on the Lord's side Saturday night, two Sunday morning and one last night. Two were baptized yesterday, young men. One came last night, who was a blatant infidel and wanted to debate with me two weeks ago. We are fighting an illegal saloon here and the imps of Satan are howling. Pray that we may succeed. We are just bombarding sin's strongholds with all our might. Pray for us." Brother Gillin, may the Lord give you abundant grace, strength and courage, to fight that illegal saloon, (as all saloons are) and every other stronghold of Satan. There are ministers who lack the moral courage to make such attacks; they fear losing patronage. Such should step down and out of the pulpit. When the people saw the boldness of Peter and John, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.

THANKSGIVING SERMON.

Below we give a few extracts from a Thanksgiving sermon delivered by brother C. F. Yoder, at the Union Thanksgiving service, Warsaw, Ind. They are taken from a Warsaw paper and only hint at a few of the many things for which we have reasons to be thankful:

Among inventions—The increased application of electricity to practical purposes, including improved electric lights, horseless carriages, the kineto-scope, the circuiting of the continents by telegraph and cable, the derivation of electricity directly from coal, the wonderful X rays and many other inventions.

Among reforms, as steps toward the millenium—The arbitration Congress held in Washington, the arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty, a law against prize fighting on territory, a movement for a uniform census of all nations, a law against bribery in elections, extension of civil service reform, the Australian ballot, more stringent liquor laws in several States, the anti-saloon league formed in Washington, various school reforms in the larger cities, a new organization for personal Christian work and other organizations and movements in this direction. We have contributed to arbitration, having in our history been party to forty-seven, or over half of all occurring, have advanced religious toleration, the amalgamation of the races and have raised the standard of living.

As signs of the times pointing to a new and brighter era—The unification of the world, the spread of civilization, the spread of the English language and Anglo-Saxon race, more of co-operation and less of competition, the popularizing of learning, the perfecting of Christian organization, the approaching end of the Eastern question, the awakening of the church to a greater spirituality and missionary zeal and consecration of its wealth, with many other movements of equal significance.

WAYS OF WORKING.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

is the title of a card prepared by brother W. D. Furry, which he uses with good success in gathering missionary money in his congregation. At the top of the card and under the title are these references, followed by an outline, giving reasons and motives for Christian giving, with appropriate Scripture references:

LUKE 16:5; MATT. 6:19-21; MAL. 3:8 II.

1. Why ought we to give at all?

Because we are not our own.
Because we do not own what we call our own.
Because we must part with all we now call our own.
Because we must give an account to God, of how we use what we call our own.

2. For what purpose ought we to give?

For support of our church. I Cor. 9:13, 14.
For benevolent work of the church.
For special and general charities.

3. How much ought we to give?

Not one-tenth. Lev. 27:32.
As the Lord hath prospered you. I Cor. 16:2.
Consecrate all to Him. Luke 14:33.

4. When to give?

Upon first day of week [Sunday] I Cor. 16:2

5. How to give?

Cheerfully. II Cor. 7:9.
As the Lord has prospered you. I Cor. 16:2.

6. The reward. Mark 10:29-30.

God's greatest gift. John 3:16.

On the other side of the card is a blank form to be filled out, promising to pay a certain amount at stated times to the local Mission Board. The Board consists of five members and that which is peculiar about it is that these five members are sisters. The plan is a commendable one. It reduces church work to a system, develops not only the *spirit* of giving, but systematic giving, intelligent giving. The giver knows what he gives, why he gives and for what purpose.

Whatever methods one may adopt in his revival work, there is one thing that must be remembered by all who would be successful, and that is, that only the simple message of Jesus can operate as the power of God unto salvation. System and organization are very important, but after all it is the *Gospel* that is the power of God unto salvation. Along this line Brother Gillin says:

God is blessing our simple message. I have decided that in all Christian effort, no matter how much one knows or how much college training he may have had, his business is to consider it only *training* and to know nothing but *Jesus Christ crucified*, living and moving in us. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."